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In re application of

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CLINKER HYDRAULIC BINDER, USE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) Binder according to claim 1, characterized in that it is quasi-free from free residual MgO, at least as it can be observed on X-ray diffraction spectrum for the binder.

Amend claim 6 as follows:

- --6. (Amended) Binder according to claim 1, characterized in that it has the following chemical composition by dry weight of the binder:
 - lime CaO : 4 to 12%